(b) whether Government have received any representation from the travelling public for introduction of stoppage of the above trains at Barpeta Road Railway Station; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Representations have been received. However, proliferation of stoppages to long distance trains decelerate such services, hence not desirable.

Container service system at Trivandrum

1819. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present Trivandrum Central is not connected with container service system; and

(b) if so, by when this system is likely to be provided there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The feasibility of opening Domestic Container Service at Trivandrum Central was examined but not found financially justified due to inadequate traffic prospects.

KRANTI NAGAR slum colony on railway land in Bombay

1820. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the slum dwellers of KRANTI NAGAR on the Railway land at Kurla East in Bombay every year enter into an agreement individually with the Railway Administration for payment of rent;

(b) whether it is a fact that a representative organisation of the slum dwellers *viz.* 'KRANTI NAGAR SEVA MANDAL' has been making repeated representation to the Railway to renew the agreement and execute a single long-term agreement on behalf of all the slum-dwellers;

(c) whether it is a fact that such an arrangement will be time-saving for both the Railways and the slum-dwellers: and

(d) what steps the Railways proposes to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. Agreements are executed with each individual once in five years.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) With a view to maintain Railway's control over the land and to facilitate resumption of the land when required for Railway's own use, it is not considered desirable to license the land to the Kranti Nagar Seva Mandal on a long-term basis.

Allotment of berths in A.P. Express by TTEs

1821. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is also a fact that this A.P. Express train had arbitrarily allotted vacant berths in 2-tier AC in the way ignoring eligible minor children and a woman on 20th June, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this matter was brought to the notice of the Vigilance Cell staff who were travelling in the same train on that day; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the concerned TTE who has flouted the rules of allotting berths to minor children and women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.